

ABSTRACT

A liquid crystal composition including three components,  
optionally four components, selected from the compounds (1-  
5 1) to (3-3) is provided. The composition has plural  
characteristics, i.e., a wide temperature range of a nematic  
phase, a low viscosity, a suitable optical anisotropy, and a  
large dielectric anisotropy, in a properly balanced manner.  
The invention further provides a liquid crystal display  
10 element including the composition.